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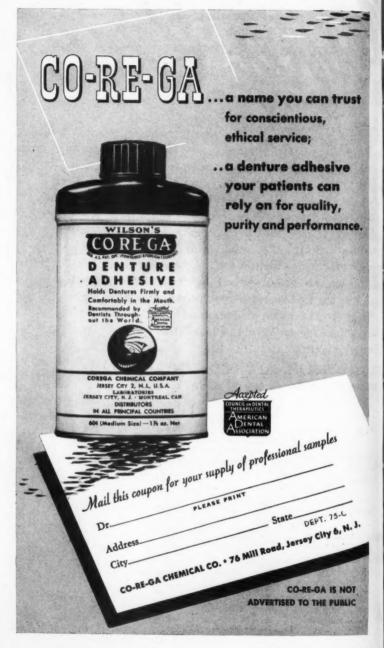
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THE President's PAGE

March is a very important month. It ushers in the first days of Spring, a time to our of awakening and rebirth. It is a time for taking stock. It is a particularly appropriate ate time to look back and see if we have completed the projects and carried out in plans made with so much enthusiasm earlier in the year. It is also a time to rem our EFFORTS.

Have you ever read a road map and charted a course? Our ADAA is ver much like a road map. There are many interesting thoroughfares beckoning. Whether we take advantage of the various routes offered or leave them to the more adventurous members to explore is entirely up to the individual. We should all use a man whatever direction we choose to travel, for every new path broadens our horizon Should we get lost or find the map confusing, we have many guides to help a Our local, state and national officers stand ready to direct us whenever we ask. Dis trict trustees are more than willing to aid in planning our course and chart new ones if we find ourselves in unexplored territory. Committee chairmen are responsible for developing new approaches to the main highways and seeing that the old ones are kept in good condition. The new brochures we have been receiving cam much information and give many suggestions of great value to the traveler. How ever, like all useful travel folders they must be studied first to make the way easist and more enjoyable.

Many state meetings will be taking place these next few months. From what ever route we come we find ourselves gathered together in a spirit of good fellowship exchanging our views, comparing our achievements, reaffirming our goals and charing new roads. If you are asked to accept an office do not be afraid to explore. You will find it an interesting and stimulating experience and the journey rewarding Remember, there is a map to guide us.

Together, let us revive our determination to be good members, putting our skills, our enthusiasm, our efforts and intelligence into service so that our may designers will know we continue to seek new pathways.

Sincerely.

RUTH V. DORING, President

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Our Journal

THE HEART OF THE BODY

We have been giving a lot of thought to our journal, sizing it up from every angle, studying the weak points and discussing ways to improve these, gloating over what we believe are its strong points—in general giving it a thorough examination. That's our business, our appointed task. Won't you come along with visualize the ADAA as a body, our journal as its heart or pulse?

Our founders set up the organization with due decorum. Everything was shipshape, but they knew that the body had to have a heart to function—to live. They knew it had to have a central tem, which could bring together all the technical values and make them one—and thus the DENTAL ASSISTANT

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Perhaps it was a smaller publication at first, perhaps it had another name. Our file copies date back to 1932 when it was The Dental Assistant, and was edited by our founder, Juliette A. Southard. Its editorial policy was much the same as it is today. It still carries articles of educational value, committee information, news of association programs and achievement, helpful hints and pictures. We have not outgrown these, and don't believe we ever will. We like to think it carries all its original values, plus the glamour of growth.

It is a house organ—it has to be. It is the connecting link between the 245 local and 51 state associations that reach throughout the width and breadth of our United States to Hawaii. In fact, it is several types of house organs rolled into one—it discusses the machinery of the organization, bulletins its business, deals with its objectives, and enlists member support in these matters.

As the ADAA membership increases

it is being sent to more assistants, and we hope it is being read more thoroughly. We even hope someone is reading over our shoulder. We believe it is possible for it to be read by more assistants, the non-members, and by a number of our friends in the dental profession and in the dental trades.

We know we must continue to strive to increase its reader appeal, to improve its circulation, to increase its efficient performance in the body it serves. Through the support of you, who are the eyes, ears, lungs, nerves and muscles and all the other parts of the body, we believe we can succeed in keeping this vital organ, the heart, beating rhythmically.

Just as public contributions of money to the National Heart Fund keep alive the research and treatment facilities for the nation's physical heart ailments, so your contributions of time, thought, cooperation and enthusiastic interest keep alive a healthy heart in the body of ADAA.

THE LEFT CYLINDER

Because of your opinions and comments, and at your insistence, we have put forth a special effort to continue our Views of the News department in the journal. For these same reasons we think it can be likened to the left cylinder of a heart, which pumps the blood through the arteries to all parts of the body. To keep this cylinder functioning we must give it constant attention, and we must have your cooperation as follows: Your news must be sent to the Editor of this department, Alberta Reed, 753 Franklin Road, N. E., Massillon, Ohio. Your news must be brief, contain only reports of association activity and achievement, and submitted to her within the deadline dates, which are the 10th

days of the odd months of the year. We must avoid staleness and repetition to keep this department readable. Remember, the news you submit January 10 will be printed in the March-April issue and so on throughout the year. Do not send news that will be several months old by the time it gets into print. Your reports can be factual and brief and yet interesting and informative. This department is a wonderful opportunity for exchange of program ideas. How long this cylinder keeps pumping, how efficiently it performs, depends on how well you cooperate.

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MAY WE PRESENT

Your District Trustees

In pictorial style we present to you, Miss Dental Assistant, your district trustes, who are ready and eminently able to carry on the extension work of the ADAA in 1955.

Some are newly elected, some are holdovers, some are filling unexpired terms, as the offices of Trustees are three-year terms. Each was nominated at a conference of your own district, and elected by the house of delegates of the ADAA. This plan of administration has been in effect in the association for some time. Since then, year after year, busy assistants have given of their time and efforts living up to the tradition of service behind them, and preparing for the responsibilities ahead.

Your Trustee is the liaison officer from the local and state associations in her district to the ADAA, and her duties are many. It is her responsibility to provide counsel on ADAA matters, and to assist you in the work in your association. The majority send letters periodically, which inform you of policies, and enlist your support in carrying out these policies-letters which offer words of encouragement to you.

She serves as a voting member of the ADAA Executive Board. The Officers. whom we introduced to you in the January-February issue, plus the Trustees presented here, the Immediate Past President, Lillian Hoffman, and Chairman of the Past President's Council, Sadie Hadley, are the members of the 1955 ADAA Board of Trustees. A board which will guide the administrative affairs of the association. Through close cooperation with your Trustee you can present your ideas to this board for consideration and action.

Consider the time and money your

Trustee spends travelling to your men ings, the numerous letters she write during the year, the many long distance telephone calls she makes, the urger wires she sends, all to be done while keeping an eye on the position she filk in a busy dental office, and you will have some idea of the personal sacrifice that is necessary to fulfill the responsibility she accepted. It is a heavy schol ule, and becomes heavier each year win the growth of the organization.

There is no dollars and cents pay. The allowance for travel and clerical expense is, by necessity, modest. The answer to why these members are willing to accept this responsibility can be only that they believe in what they are doing, they are sincere in their efforts to assist you, the enjoy the association with you, they are living the motto of the ADAA to the letter.

We salute our Trustees, and take pride in presenting them to you through your journal.

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I Speak for Democracy

By ELIZABETH ELLEN EVANS

I am an American.

Listen to my words, Fascist, Communist. Listen well, for my country is a strong country, and my message is a strong message.

I am an American, and I speak for democracy.

My ancestors have left their blood on the green at Lexington and the snow at Valley Forge

. . . on the walls of Fort Sumter and the fields at Gettysburg

. . . on the waters of the River Marne and in the shadows of the Argonne Forest

 . . . on the beachheads of Salerno and Normandy and the sands of Okinawa

 on the bare, bleak hills called Pork Chop and Old Baldy and Heartbreak Ridge.

A million of my countrymen have died for freedom.

My country is their eternal monument.

They live on in the laughter of a small boy as he watches a circus clown's antics

 . . . and in the sweet, delicious coldness of the first bite of peppermint ice cream on the Fourth of July

. . . in the little tenseness of a baseball crowd as the umpire calls "Batter up!"

. . . and in the high school band's rendition of "Stars and Stripes Forever" in the Memorial Day parade

. . . in the clear, sharp ring of a school bell on a fall morning

 . . . and in the triumph of a six-year-old as he reads aloud for the first time.
 They live on in the eyes of an Ohio

farmer surveying his acres of corn and potatoes and pasture

. . . and in the brilliant gold of hundreds

of acres of wheat stretching across the flat miles of Kansas

in the milling of cattle in the stockyards of Chicago

 the precision of an assembly line in an automobile factory in Detroit
 and the perpetual red glow of the nocturnal skylines of Pittsburgh and Birmingham and Gary.

They live on in the voice of a young Jewish boy saying the sacred words from the Torah: "Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy hear and with all thy soul and with all thy might."

... and in the voice of a Catholic girl praying: "Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee . . ."

... and in the voice of a Protestant boy singing: "A mighty Fortress is our God, A Bulwark never failing ..."

An American named Carl Sandburg wrote these words:

"I know a Jew fishcrier down on Maxwell Street with a voice like a north wind blowing over corn stubble in January.

He dangles herring before prospective customers evincing a joy identical with that of Pavlova dancing.

His face is that of a man terribly glad to be selling fish, terribly glad that God made fish, and customers to whom he may call his wares from a pushcart."

There is a voice in the soul of every human being that cries out to be free. America has answered that voice.

America has offered freedom and opportunity such as no land before her has ever known, to a Jew fishcrier down on Maxwell Street with the face of a man terribly glad to be selling fish. She has pushcar Street, . . . sh

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She has given him the right to own his pushcart, to sell his herring on Maxwell street.

his children, and a tremendous faith in the nation that has made these things his.

Multiply that fishcrier by 160,000,000—160,000,000 mechanics and farmers and housewives and coal miners and truck drivers and chemists and lawyers and plumbers and priests—all glad, terribly glad to be what they are, terribly glad to be free to work and eat and sleep and speak and love and pray and live as they desire, as they believe!

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And those 160,000,000 Americans—those 160,000,000 free Americans—have more roast beef and mashed potatoes,

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. . . more safety razors and bathtubs,

 more Orlon sweaters and aureomycin, the fruits of American initiative and enterprise;

 . . . more public schools and life insurance policies; the symbols of American security and faith in the future;

. . more laughter and song than any other people on earth!

This is my answer, Fascist, Communist! Show me a country greater than our country, show me a people more energetic, creative, progressive—

bigger-hearted and happier than our people, not until then will I consider your way of life.

For I am an American, and I speak for democracy.

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Helpful Hints For Writing An Article

CHOOSE A SUBJECT YOU KNOW.

Our articles need not necessarily be pertaining to procedures in dental assisting. We do want them to have educational value, as our objective is to educate our members in more efficient performance of their duties as dental assistants. Yet, being a good chairside assistant, receptionist or bookkeeper does not cover all the necessary qualifications of a capable dental assistant. Correct grooming, knowledge of the correct usage of grammar, your personality, your public relations, telephone ettiquette, everyday common courtesy toward others, and many other things are also important in the education of dental assistants. So, if you have made a study of any of these things, pass along this knowledge to other assistants, through an article in the journal. We could also use a short humaninterest story occasionally to a good advantage.

STYLE OF WRITING

Style refers to the mode of expressing thought in language. Even though your article might be considered of scientific nature, you need not overlook individuality in an effort to follow a stilted form. Do not attempt to write elegantly. Too often an attempt to express one's self prettily results in loss of conveying the meaning. Even a scientific paper should be clearcut, direct, concise and without unnecessary decorations.

AVOID VERBOSITY

Wordiness can often be overcome by careful revision and deletion of nonessential words, phrases and sentences after the paper is written. Experienced writers call this polishing an article, which is what is actually done.

WATCH YOUR GRAMMAR AND TITLE

Nothing can make us more aware of our

grammar than writing an article. Poor grammar is often the result of carelessness rather than lack of knowledge.

Among the grammatical errors that detract from papers are the changes of tense, improper agreement in number between the singular and plural, the use of nouns as adjectives, and the use of slang. Tense merely indicates the time of an assertion. Tenses should not be changed without valid reason.

A pronoun must agree with its antecedent, and a verb must agree with its subject in number.

When the use of nouns as adjectives is carried to the extreme it becomes annoying.

Slang and the excessive use of abbreviations, which are not standard, should be avoided, especially in articles of scientific nature. Titles should have at least some measure of connection with the contents of the article. Clever titles that attract the reader's attention or arouse curiosity are good, but when overdone can be misleading and even ludicrous.

SUMMARY

Summary and conclusions should briefly digest the article; not introduce new material. A good summary often points out an important point, which might have been overlooked by the average reader. Footnotes may be used to give the source of your material. We prefer articles of 1500 to 3000 words in length. This is approximately two and one-half to three and one-half pages in THE DENTAL ASSISTANT.

Send your copy typewritten, double spaced, and on one side of the paper only. Do not use thin sheets, and send original copy.

All articles submitted become the prop-

erty of the Journal, and can not be returned to the writer.

Consider the continuity of thought in your article, and above all be clear and concise. A book on the fundamentals of grammar and a good dictionary can be helpful references when writing an article. You need not be an experienced writer to submit an article for publication in THE DENTAL ASSISTANT, we expect to do some re-writing and to delete as we see fit, but the better you write the better will be your Journal.

Extension Course for Dental Assistants

The American Dental Assistants Association in a recent meeting in Miami approved the course plan of the University of North Carolina Extension Division. This correspondence course with twenty-five lesson assignments permits the dental assistant to accomplish study and exercises at home and at the office laboratory. The course is designed to be a challenge to the newcomer as well as the veteran dental assistant, and it was developed through the cooperation of the Dental Assistants Committee of the North Carolina Dental Society and faculty at the University. More than 100 girls now are pursuing the course, thereby satisfying the educational requirements in preparation for the Certification Examination of the American Dental Assistants Certification Board. The tuition, including all materials from the Extension Division, is \$50.00. Further information may be secured or enrollment may be accomplished by writing the Extension Division, University of North Carolina, Box 1050, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

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A BACKWARD GLANCE —

20 Years in A.D.A.A.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS — TENTH ANNUAL MEETING
RUTH F. ROGERS, A.B., D.H.

This copy of the President's address to the assembly of the 10th annual meeting keeps finding its way to the top of our overmatter file.

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The words of wisdom spoken by our President of 20 years ago brings to us a realization of the strength of leader-ship with which ADAA was blessed in its early years of existence. Undoubtedly the progress we have made down the years is, to a great extent, due to the foresight of our early leaders and to the firm foundation they built for us. Ruth, like many others, is still an active and valuable member of the ADAA. We hope you too enjoy this glance backward to 20 years ago in ADAA.—Eds.

"Ethics means a thorough understanding of human nature and an attitude of cooperation with other agencies," so runs the Chinese motto for a corps of specially trained health nurses. Despite the fact that this motto is designed to refer to an organized group of workers, it immediately brings the responsibility sharply back to the individual. Have you ever thought how important the individual members of any organization are and how powerless the organization itself when divorced from the human element?

Let us read the object of the American Dental Assistants Association in this light ... "to aid in the advancement and elevation of the services to the dental profession by helping dental assistants to raise their standards of education ... to bring to the members a realization of the responsibilities that accrue to them in their relation to the public; to inspire its members with a desire to render more efficient service and to be truthful, honest

and loyal to the profession which they serve...to promote among the members a desire for mutual improvement." There dosen't seem to be a thing there about helping that inanimate thing "organization", not a word about "districts" but instead this seems to point to a service to be rendered to the members. Despite the fact that this was written and accepted ten years ago it has a very modern ring in its reference to helping raise standards of education for on every hand we find the movement for more and better adult education receiving more serious attention from our great universities, our public schools, our clubs and our social agencies.

What service is your dental assistants association rendering you as a member in this field? Nationally we have striven for ten years to secure the advantages of suitable courses especially planned for the training of dental assistants in the dental colleges where it might reasonably be expected that the ideals of the dental profession would be thoroughly taught along with the more academic subjects. Looking about we have seen the many commercial courses presented by those who have been alert to note the desire for better training and have found in it a new "racket" for their personal gain. As early as our Fourth Annual Meeting, also held in Minnesota, we had a report of more than a hundred such courses presented by our New York girls calling our attention to the really meager benefits of such courses and the heavy financial demands and urging our members to be wary of the pitfalls in this field. These courses we still have with us in numbers though in some communities we have been successful in curtailing their activities.

Realizing that it might be some time before the dental colleges could be induced to present courses that would entail heavy expenditures, we appointed a Curricula Committee and a satisfactory one year program of classes which could be taught by the usual dental college faculty and without special equipment was drafted and accepted by our Sixth Annual Meeting held in Memphis.

In the meantime we have in our local and state units undertaken to provide for the group of members courses of specialized types not available to our members through other educational agencies. A study of the class work carried on throughout the nation by our societies is amazing in its variety and ambitious in its scope. Just last year one society took a course in Bio-Chemistry taught by a faculty member from one of our great universities, a group in a comparatively isolated section studies Bacteriology somewhat on the extension plan and then had an all-day class under the direction of a very capable physician.

Another society met twice a month for eight months for instruction in their tooth carving because they appreciated the necessity of much more detailed knowledge of Tooth Anatomy if they were to make adequate inlays by the indirect method. First Aid, Home Nursing, Diet for Good Health, Public Speaking, Anatomy of the Head, Child Psychology, Dental Office Psychology, Materia Medica are included in the years classes.

Other than these formal classes programs of demonstration clinics and lectures have assisted our members to keep pace with the rapid developments in dental technique and theory.

As a national organization we publish a magazine devoted to our professional interests with articles by the outstanding writers of the dental world. Think what our "Dental Assistant" can mean to the girls in isolated sections where a contact with other assistants once a year is the best they can hope for!

These opportunities your organization can provide you as members that are individually almost impossible to secure. The success of the program in raising the educational level of the dental assistant rests squarely on the members—you and you. If you are ambitious to study and are willing to sacrifice time and effort to increase your knowledge, then our joint aim is accomplished and together with our new ideas of more efficient methods we actually render a higher standard of service to the dental profession and to the public.

This organization of ours undertakes to protect us legally by keeping us as members informed of pending legislation that might affect us, but this service too is ineffective if the information falls on deaf ears of our members.

As a group we can single out the more successful of our members and selecting the qualities which have seemed to contribute to their advancement, create an ideal dental assistant-a woman who has tact and dignity of bearing, a ready sympathy that expresses itself quietly, a love of people and of work that deals in a health service, initiative, an alert mind, capable of quickly appreciating the other person's viewpoint, a well-modulated voice, an inborn hatred of disorder and uncleanliness in any form, and an insatiable desire for knowledge and culture. Not long ago one of our magazines published a little article about the quality of "having a hand over things"—that delightful quality with which some are born which enables them to walk into a drablooking room, straighten a picture here, add flowers, create a pleasing grouping of furniture by moving a chair, thus making the room take on a new and vital personality. Or perhaps she is unusually sensitive to people and with only small dues knows exactly how to make them happy and comfortable. This ideal of our looks like a professional woman when white accesse profes round

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Not all of us possess these traits but by appreciating their desirability we can help ourselves to cultivate them. Did you ever read the biography of Florence Nightingale who pioneered the field of medical nursing for gentlwomen and whose remarkable work in the care of the wounded and in sanitation during the Crimean War flowered in the creation of the Red Cross services? Her life is a story of the emancipation of women. As a young woman she reproached herself repeatedly for irregularity, sloth, late rising in the morning. Born to a life of luxury she fought the protests of her family and friends and her own weaker traits that she might enter the very menial and almost completely unskilled "business of nursing" as she referred to it. We find her emerging as a woman capable of remarkable administrative tasks, regular, persistent, methodical, precise.

Your organization shows you a glimpse of the ideal dental assistant but you can acquire more essential traits only as you learn to develop your desirable traits and control your weaker ones. In short our society shows us the way to develop our professional personalities.

George Bernard Shaw has written a most delightful story of the lonely cowboy who finally held a conference with himself to find out why he was so lonely. Much to his dismay he found he had been trying to run a one-man world and in his zeal to have everybody do as he thought they should he ruefully remarked that he had even been trying to help God hold up the sky!

As members in a cooperative enterprise designed to help us to raise the professional standard of our chosen work we owe each other the debt of developing ourselves to the maximum of our abilities but leaving room for every single member to function as an active party of this inanimate bond we call the American Dental Assistants Association.

J. A. S. Scholarship Fund

By JOY PHILLIPS, Chairman, J.A.S. Scholarship Committee

Did you know that the ADAA awards a \$100.00 scholarship each year? Yes, this is another of our Association's fine educational features, which is helping to raise Dental Assisting to a profession. Each time we contribute to education for Dental Assistants, your position, and mine, is enhanced.

This Scholarship is awarded to the outstanding student in a course of Dental Assisting at an ADAA approved school. There are now eleven approved schools offering either a one or two-year full-time course and these students are eligible. They are judged on Scholarship

50%, Character 30%, Citizenship 10%, and Basic Need 10%.

The money for these awards is derived from the Juliette A. Southard Scholarship Fund, which is an entirely separate fund, and wholly supported by contributions. When was this begun? At the ADAA annual meeting in 1930 it was voted to establish the Scholarship Fund with a \$100 donation that had been received one year earlier from Mr. M. B. Massol of "Oral Hygiene". At this time Mr. Massol matched his first donation with another contribution and was joined by Dr. William O. Hulick, of Cincinnati,

with a similar contribution. Mrs. Jessie Ellsworth Stokes, of Chicago, presented the fund with bonds valued at \$150. Aloise B. Clement, of Omaha, bequeathed the fund \$100.00 in 1935. Upon the death of our founder, Juliette A. Southard, in 1940, the Florida State Dental Assistants Association presented the fund a check for \$25.00 in memoriam. In 1941 \$100.00 from the estate of the late Juliette Southard was given to the Scholarship Fund. The American Dental Assistants Certification Board made a grant of \$1100.00 to this fund in 1952 with the stipulation that a \$100.00 award be made to each of the eleven approved schools. There have been other contributions throughout the years. The most recent donation was \$82.78 from eight Local Societies of the Southern California State Dental Assistants Association made in 1954. Such donations are greath appreciated and are the only means of keeping this fund active.

The recipients of these Scholarship are the fine young women, and deserting of our assistance in their efforts to ward higher education in Dental Assisting. While enrolled in these schools some are Student Members of our ADAA, and upon employment after graduation become Active Members.

If your Society would care to contribute to this Scholarship Fund, you will be helping in the education of students and raising the level of Dental Assisting

WITH YOUR PERMISSION

By JESSIE L. DURDEN Jacksonville, Fla.

I would like to quote to you a portion of a message which came to us through an issue of our Excavator, from a member of the Florida State Dental Assistants Association. "—ever to keep in mind that all we know we have learned from others and therefore we should never lose an opportunity to pass it on."

When I read this message, I took mental inventory of the bits of information that had been passed on to me this year by other dental assistants. So—with your permission—I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to, in turn pass on these bits of information to you.

I'm sure you are all familiar with the x-ray developer stain on white uniforms. But—are you all familiar with the solution that will successfully remove this particular stain — I wasn't until about eight months ago when a dental assistant suggested I saturate a piece of cotton in a 5% solution of sodium cyanide, then rub firmly but gently over the stained area. I was amazed to find the stain completely and permanently removed with-

out damage to the material of my uniform.

Don't you sometimes feel sorry for the referral patient who leaves your office carrying a wet x-ray on a paper clip or in a cup of water? This wet x-ray problem can be eliminated by thoroughly washing the film, then submerging it into 95% ethyl alcohol for just a very few seconds. After this is done, the film is then wiped dry with a piece of clean cloth free of all lint. This little trick of the trade can truly be a great time saverespecially when a set of full mouth x-rays is involved as the x-rays can be dried and mounted within ten minutes.

At times when you have a patient in the office who requires an immediate diagnois of his x-rays, you may run into a bit of trouble. By trouble, I mean the excess water dripping from the films and rack on your well polished floors. Won't you try passing the wet x-rays through two moistened sponges, such as these, to absorb the excess water? I believe if you will try this once, you will have these

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And speaking of well polished floors—are you the assistant who occasionally drops an x-ray film on the dark room floor? If so, may I suggest—with your permission—an ordinary flashlight with a piece of red protective cellophane fastened over the lamp end for this emergency. This will save you several golden minutes when you find yourself groping in the dark for that elusive film on the floor.

Another darkroom annoyance occurs when you place a full rack of x-rays in the developer and find the two top films are not completely submerged due to the evaporation of the solutions. Of course, this always happens at a time when you're operating behind schedule or are especially rushed. Instead of taking time out to replenish or change the solution, why not keep a four or six ounce bottle which has been filled with water and tightly sealed on hand to drop into the tank to raise the solution level.

Last but not least—is the age old problem of most dental assistants— the cleaning of the x-ray tanks. A good formula for this not too pleasant task is to use one and a half ounces of muriatic acid to eight to sixteen ounces of cold water.

This is then added to the tank three fourths full of warm water. Usually—a one half hour soak with this solution is

enough—after which the tank is drained and the walls thoroughly rinsed three or four times with fresh water. When this is done, wipe the tanks dry with an old rag. Remember though, NEVER use HOT WATER when cleaning a tank made of hard rubber, as the heat may cause the walls to bend or warp.

Time saving hints are forever welcome to the conscientious assistant, so if any of these tid bits of information are new to you, won't YOU take the first opportunity to pass them on to other assistants—with THEIR permission.

Tour to the San Francisco Meeting

A special train will leave Chicago October 5th via the Great Northwest arriving in San Francisco late evening of the 12th in time for the various pre-convention meetings of A.D.A.

The route passes through Glacier National Park with visits thereafter to Grand Coulee Dam, Seattle, Portland, Columbia River Highway, Mt. Hood National Park, and over night stop at beautiful Timberline Lodge and a fine day trip through the Redwoods.

A special car has been reserved for ladies and anyone interested should contact the Great Northern Railway Company or Dr. C. W. Carrick, of Oberlin, Ohio who is the tour organizer and leader. A nice tour to Hawaii is also planned as an extension trip for any who may be interested.

CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

Examination for Certification will be held Sunday, April 24, 1955, at 9:00 a.m., Seminole Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida.

Examination for Certification will be held Friday, May 20, at 111 Fort Greene Place, Brooklyn 17, N. Y. For details contact: Bea Gindea, 1283 E. 21st Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Examination for Certification will be held Saturday, February 19, at the office of Dr. Charles Tweed, 2620 E. Broadway, Tucson, Arizona.

Examination for Certification will be held during the week of March 24-26, Seattle, Washington. For information of exact date, time and place contact: Lorraine Morash, 517 12th Street, S. E., Puyallup, Washington.

A Certification examination will be held May 1, 1955 at 8 a.m. Annex 2, Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

The 1955 Nominating Committee Speaks

THE TIME HAS COME ONCE AGAIN FOR ALL COMPONENT SOCIETIES TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR ADAA OFFICERS AND CERTIFICATION BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO.

The Nominating Committee wishes to remind you that it is the DUTY, as well as the PRIVILEGE, of all component societies to nominate candidates for ADAA offices. LET US NOT SHIRK THIS VERY IMPORTANT DUTY.

Since many states will hold their Annual Meetings during the Spring months, it is suggested that nominations for ADAA officers be a vital part of the agenda of these meetings. Start now by obtaining Official ADAA Nominating Forms from either the Executive Secretary, or the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, study them carefully, and be prepared to submit the names of your candidates not later than July 1st, 1955.

Offices open for nominations are President-elect, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer, and FIVE active members to the Certification Board.

Please study the Revised ADAA By-Laws. Article VIII, Sections 1 to 8 inclusive, for ELIGIBILITY OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS, and Article XIII, Sections 1 to 5 inclusive, for ELIGIBILITY OF CERTIFICATION BOARD MEMBERS. All forms, properly filled out and signed by the respective candidates, we REPEAT, must be in the hands of the ADAA Executive Secretary or the Chairman of the Nominating Committee by July 1st, 1955. Names of candidates for office shall be published in the pre-convention issue of the ADAA Journal.

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So says Betty Macy of Miami, Florida—
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However, there is a redeeming factor—the Roney Plaza will make good every dollar you invested. If you will send your receipt and a letter requesting repayment to the Roney Plaza Hotel, attention, Mr. Harry Eskey, your money will be refunded. We are embarrassed, disappointed and more sorry than we can tell you; but this situation is beyond our control. Anyone interested in joining this nationwide manhunt should contact Mr. Harry Eskey, Mr. Stuart Cambell or me."

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EDITORIAL

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

On the campus of a school for the blind a little first grade girl took hold of her teacher's dress and said, "Teacher, I think you're beautiful."

The teacher was far from beautiful in the average way of thinking; in fact, she was really very plain. Most people could only look on the outward appearance. The little girl could not see the teacher through her veil of darkness, but in her blindness she could see what others could not—the beautiful spirit of her teacher. The teacher must have demonstrated the patience, love and sympathetic understanding of our Master.

Too often those of us who have eyes do not see the true nature of people. We are too prone to judge a person by the position he holds, the size of his pocketbook, the fine clothes he wears, or the title he has. Our eyes are blind because we judge by our own standards and not by the standards of Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister unto and give His life a ransom for many.

At this Easter Season we give special thought to this supreme sacrifice, the Crucifixion, and the promise to each of us through the Resurrection, and in so doing may find ourselves wondering—"How far is it from here to eternity?"

The step which each of us occupies on the escalator of life is sure to reach the great chasm at the end of the causeway; and there we must enter the impenetrable darkness that exists therein. It is at the brink of the canyon where life as we know it will lose its material identity. This transition is the greatest of all mysteries and one must make the trip to learn if the journey through the canyon is difficult or not.

The interim from here to eternity, either long or short, is of utmost importance to each of us. Yesterday has passed far beyond our control. Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow. That leaves only TODAY.

Each today let us realize that the greatest things are the intangibles of lifecommon decency, sincerity, an ideal, the concern of neighbor for neighbor, obligation of family, the acceptance of responsibilities toward children, the charitable attitude of the strong toward the weak so that in the end the weak will be strong, the unselfish position of what is good for community rather than what is profitable for self, the love of country above the consideration of personal gain.

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professions. Let's enhance the vocation of dental assisting by applying these

standards and thereby also enhance the name - Dental Assistant.

Have you ever asked yourself "What's in a name?" Take the name "Sahara Desert" and immediately we think of endless stretches of sand, camels and oases. Think of "Florida" and we are reminded of palm trees, basking in the sun, and water-skiing. Name a school—your Alma Mater—and the name stands for a certain standard of learning and living. When we hear a name mentioned it 'rings a bell'.

Does the name Dental Assistant ring a bell? You and I can make it do so by applying the true standards of living to our vocation and in so doing we will be making for ourselves each day a glorious step in our own climb "from here to eternity".

AUDREY STOECKER, Contributing Editor

A.D.A.A. NEWS ITEMS

410 First National Bank Building La Porte, Indiana

It's State Meeting Time Again!

As many of the state meetings are held in the spring, we are certain your thoughts are now turning toward yours. If you are a regular attender you know the treat that is in store for you; if you are attending for your first time we know you will not be disappointed. You will surely find the programs arranged for you inspiring and informative. We urge all members to put forth a special EFFORT to take advantage of these educational programs.

A. D. A. A. Brochures - Bulletins - Newsletters

We have been literally swamped with work since the annual meeting, and much of it has been due to a rush to get the fine brochures and bulletins in your hands.

Presidents and Secretaries—we hope you are giving this material thorough thought and study, and that you are making the information available to your groups through your local meetings.

You have received the Public Relations, Membership, ADAA Pin and Cap and By-Laws Committee brochures, and more are forthcoming. Watch for these—

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When preparing your state and local programs for the year remember the awards given annually by the Public Relations Committee for the best programs submitted. The basis for judging of these are listed in the brochure. To enter this contest you must mail a copy of your program to the Chairman of the Public Relations Committee (whose name and address is listed on the Officers Page in this issue) by August 1, 1955.

How Is Your Membership Campaign Progressing?

If yours seems to be lagging surely it will be given new life when you read the Membership Committee's brochure. We suggest you read and re-read it. If you need additional assistance write to Chairman, Viola Stone. She has a wealth of ideas that can be of further assistance to you.

If you need ADAA literature for your state meetings and membership cam-

paigns this material is available upon request to the central office.

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About Your President

Many of you know that our President, Ruth Doring, has had a siege of illness since the Miami meeting. She underwent surgery on December 13, and a bout with minor complications followed forcing her to spend the holidays in the hospital

We are pleased to be able to report that she is now well on the way back to normalcy, although a little time will be necessary for her to be completely well and strong again. Ruth asks that we extend to all members her sincere thanks for the many messages received, which meant so much to her during her illness. To quote Ruth, "It's wonderful to have so many fine friends".

Your Major Officers

At press time we are informed that the ADAA Officers and several of the Trustees were together in Chicago during the recent Mid-Winter meeting of the Chicago Dental Society. No official board meeting was held, but it was an excellent opportunity for the Officers to discuss the administrative affairs of the ADAA, and to map plans for progress throughout the year.

Membership Dues Are Due Now!

It is time for paying 1955 membership dues. All dues for the current year must be in the office of the Executive Secretary by April 1 in order to continue the member in good standing.

The Editor Hears — Via the Grapevine —

That the number of new and renewed memberships received in central office at this press time show a sizable increase over those received by this time last year. Let's put forth a special EFFORT to keep them rolling in!

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American Dental Assistants Association 31st Annual Session—October 17-20, 1955, Sheraton Palace Hotel, San Francisco, California. President, Ruth Doring, 85 Park Street, Montclair, New Jersey. General Secretary, Elma Troutman, 6 W. Shadyside Drive, Dayton, Ohio. Executive Secretary, Mary L. Martin, 410 First National Bank Bldg., La Porte, Indiana.

STATE MEETINGS

Arkansas Dental Assistants Association— April 3-6, Lafayette Hotel, Little Rock. President, Juanita Cox, Fort Roots V. A. Hospital, North Little Rock. Secretary, Mary Thompson, 403 Baptist Medical Arts Bldg., Little Rock. Arizona Dental Assistants Association—April

Arizona Dental Assistants Association—April 28-30. Coolidge, Arizona. Headquarters, Women's Club. President, Marion Small, 710 N. Country Club Road, Tucson. Secretary, Mary Pruitt, 1021 E. Water St., Tucson.

Connecticut Dental Assistants Association— May 18-20. Hartford, Conn. President, Olive Hunt, 121 Willys Street, Hartford. Secretary, Helen Henczel, 44 N. Main Street, South Norwalk.

District of Columbia Dental Assistants Association — March 13-16. Shoreham Hotel,

Washington, D. C. President, Betty Reynolds, 520 Oneida Place, N. W., Washington, D.C. Secretary, Marcia Hankin, 6505 9th Ave, Chillum Terrace, Hyattsville, Md.

Iowa Dental Assistants Association — May 1-4. Kirkwood Hotel, Des Moines. Presiden, Anzanetta Lindsay, 1015 Badgerow Bldg, Sioux City. Secretary, Peggy Stevenson, care Dr. H. R. Morgan, Britt.

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Texas Dental Assistants Association - May 1-5. Plaza Hotel, San Antonio. President, Lois King Solomon, 1228 Medical Arts Bldg., Houston. Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Miellmier, 28541/2 W. Berry St., Fort Worth.

Ed. Note: We regret that all state meetings could not be listed as at press time the information had not been reiceived. If your meeting date is during May, or later in the year, please send this information to the Editor by April 1 for this column, May-June issue.

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Views of the NEWS

By ALBERTA REED

"Jesu, no more! It is full tide; From Thy head and from Thy feet, From Thy hands, and from Thy side, All the purple rivers meet. Thy hands to give Thou canst not lift, Yet will Thy hand still giving be. It gives, but O, itself's the gift: It gives though bound; though bound 'tis free."

-RICHARD CRASHAW

Tis a wonderful land we live in — do you know it? We are Catholic, Protestant and Jew. We live, work and play together and, once we have the chance to know each other, we find something wonderful in each other. The Easter season is hereit can mean refreshment, renewal, rededication and rebirth to all of us - no matter what our faith! The important thing is to have a living faith - a faith that lifts us out of the doldrums of disappointment and failure to the pinnacle of successful human service.

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It is good to hear from Nellie Duff, Publicity Chairman for the dental assistants of Maine, and to learn of the activities of our sister dental assistants in this early New England state (since we are thinking about the wonders of our beloved country.) An interesting meeting of Maine girls was held at the Worcester House in Hollowell, Me., when Dr. Ganelow was the principal speaker and those "Fluoridation" and "The Value of the Dental Assistant to the Doctor" as his subjects. The April meeting of this group was held in Lewiston, Me. We are looking forward to the annual meeting which will be held in the Samoset Hotel, Rockland, Me., in June.

News from New Hampsbire Irene Jarvis, Publicity Chairman for the New Hampshire State Dental Assistants Association, is the charming reporter of the activities of this area. It was a real pleasure to meet so many of your faithful contributors to "Views" at Miami at the National Meeting and this is one of your fine reporters. The girls of New Hampshire have been busy with educational meetings including the interesting lecture by Dr. Earl D. Roy on "Child Behavior in the Dental Office" and a wonderful demonstration by Claire Grenier, Certified Electrologist, on the "Thermiquetron," Gratitude of the entire group was extended to Irene Jarvis and Evelyn Conlon for their comprehensive report of the National Meeting in Miami Beach and the award of the Dr. Fowler Award for the winning poster. The Mid-winter Meeting of this group was held at the Manchester Country Club, Manchester, N. H., in conjunction with the New Hampshire Dental Society.

News from Rhode Island

Jeanne Fiore is the enthusiastic reporter for Rhode Island and reports that January was the time for the 14th Annual Meeting of this group. The meeting was held at the Sheraton Biltmore Hotel, Providence, R. I., and featured the address of welcome by Dr. Morris L. Biderman, President of the Rhode Island State Dental Society, the tea honoring the retiring officers in charge of Julia Grady and Florence Viens. The final day of this meeting brought the always-popular table clinics and posters. In the clinic department were Elaine De Carlo with "Models for Orthodontia," Marjorie Usher with "Helpful Hints," Barbara Cauley with "Patient Education," June Alba with "X-ray Tips," Leona McGinn with "Copper Plating and Dyes" and Philomena Andreozzi with "Stabilized Baseplates." Rita Banning served as Clinic Chairman and Barbara Todisco as Poster Chairman. The Information Booth, open for the purpose of acquainting non-member assistants with the advantages of ADAA membership, was managed by Ellen Esti, Chairman; Norma Forant, Secretary-treasurer; Helen Searles, First District Trustee; Edith Sweet, Ann George, Marguerite Lonardo, Jean Smith, Mary Black and Louise Raposa. The final affair of this fine meeting was a luncheon honoring President Julia Grady with guest speaker Ann McKnight who spoke on "How to Stay Young." The candlelight service for the installation of new officers was graced by Helen Searles as Installing Officer and Leona McGinn as Conducting Officer. Program Chairman Evelyn Forloni, official hostesses June Alba and Barbara Todisco, and committee members Norma Forant, Dorothy McGlynn, Marjorie Usher, Leona McGinn and Jeanne Fiore deserve praise for a splendid meeting.

News from Connecticut

The Hartford County Dental Assistants Society has engaged in interesting programs which included guest speakers Dr. Leonard Menczer and Dr. Robert Spicer, who presented their talks on "Civil Defense" and who organized classes on Red Cross First Aid Classes in which the girls are enrolled so they may be prepared on both the office and the home front. A home town girl, Olive Hunt, has the signal honor of President of the Connecticut State Dental Assistants Association. The Extension Study Course, with a large enrollment, is now well under way. Marion Leonard, Jan Cambell and Frances Fisher are the alert contributors of news from Connecticut.

SECOND DISTRICT News from New York

As usual, the fine reporting and faithful service of Lee M. Taras, Reporter for the New York State Dental Assistants Association, brings us news of the planned and profitable activities of these busy girls. The First District Dental Assistants Society held its March meeting at the Hotel Statler and it was an "All Clinic" session. Nine new members were welcomed at this meeting including Rosella Genovese, Ruth Hepp, Joan Hummel, Margaret Meiler, Diana Miniucci, Yolanda Rizzo, Muriel Sabelman, Lydia Vossler and Mary Wall.

The Dental Assistants Study Club of the Second District, Brooklyn, N. Y., held an important business meeting in March with President Bernadina Brekka presiding. The April meeting of this group was held at the regular headquarters with guest essayist Alcin V. Sousa presenting "Ten Ways to Become the Best Dental Assistant." Members are reminded of the week-end meeting to be held in May at Greenwood Lake and are urged to make their reservations early.

The Buffalo Dental Assistants Society held its March meeting in the auditorium of the Williams Gold Refining Company with guest speaker George Feine bringing his lecture on "The Dental Assistant and Public Relations"
The Nassau County Dental Assistants Society
held its April meeting in the Medical Build

neid its April meeting in the Medical Building, Rockville Centre. Guest speaker Mr. & Taylor presented "Photography in Dentistry (for shutter-bugs)." The members of the Suffolk Dental Assistants Society were special guests at this meeting.

The April meeting of the Richmond County Dental Assistants Society was held in the office of Dr. W. Willets who presented his interesting lecture on "The Dental Assistant's Role in Oral Surgery."

Dr. Milton Goldsmith, President of Chemung Dental Society, was the guest speaker at the April meeting of the Elmira Dental Assistants Society held in the Mark Twain Hotel. His subject "Oral Pathology" was interesting and informative.

The Rochester Dental Assistants Society held its annual nominations for officers in April and plans the election and installation of officers at its May meeting.

News from New Jersey

The New Jersey State Dental Assistant Association has completed its plans for the annual meeting including the program, clinic and posters, and completed an inspiring tour of the New York University Dental School. It proudly announces the re-organization of the Plainfield Dental Assistants Society with the help and encouragement of President Irma Adams and Vice President Corinne Kernes.

The Essex County Dental Assistants Society staged a successful parade of proper and attractive uniforms with its members as models. The March meeting presented guest speaker Dr. Thomas McCough and his clinic on "X-ray and Darkroom Technique." At the Mid-winter Meeting held at the Hotel Suburban, East Orange, N. J., this group presented member Lelia Shuminer with her fine clinic "The Education and Handling of the Child Patient." It was her first clinic and beautifully presented. Congratulations to these girls and our vote of appreciation to Margaret Volpe, Publicity Chairman, for her contribution of news.

THIRD DISTRICT News from Obio

The Akron Dental Assistants Society expresses pride in three new members who have taken their Certification Examination recently and passed. They are Betty Tittle, Jean Chupak and Terry McMullen. Congratulations, girls! The January meeting of this group was a trip to France and Spain via the colored slides and interesting narration of Dr. Fowlet B. Roberts who just returned from a trip to Europe.

The Lorain County Dental Assistants Society held its installation of new officers in January at the Elks Club, Elyria, Ohio, with the tradi-

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The Dayton Dental Assistants Society held is annual dinner meeting in January at Neil's, Dayton, Ohio, at which meeting the 27th Anniversary of the society was celebrated and the doctors were honored guests. Dr. Lyman A. Lydic was the interesting and entertaining guest speaker. This society is looking forward to being hostess to all Ohio girls at the Midyear Meeting to be held in May at the Van Cleve Hotel, Dayton. President Dee Ewell extends a hearty invitation to all Ohio girls and dental assistants from neighboring states to attend this meeting. Blanche Overpeck sends in this news.

The members of the North Central Dental Assistants Society held an impressive twin ceremony in January when the installation of officers and a Certification capping service was held. Ruth Waldock delighted the members with her pictures taken at the National Meeting in Miami Beach and on the cruise to Nassau following the Miami meeting. Thanks to Eula Foreatsh for this fine report.

The Toledo Dental Assistants Society heard a timely lecture on "Psychiatry" by Dr. Jack Schecter of the Toledo Mental Hygiene Center at its January meeting, reports Lois Osten, State Publicity Chairman.

The Stark County Dental Assistants Society held its January meeting at the St. Francis Hotel, Canton, Ohio, when Shirley Leisure, delegate to the National Meeting in Miami Beach, presented her report on that meeting and when guest speaker Mr. Surby presented an informative lecture on "Collections." The February meeting of this group was also held in Canton when Dr. C. L. Pressler presented his lecture on "Oral Surgery." The Certification Class of this society is working hard and recently has heard Dr. J. W. Foltz on "Anatomy of the Tooth" and Dr. Lloyd Sheehan on "X-ray Processing."

News from Pennsylvania

The Philadelphia Dental Assistants Society members recently were guests of the Pa. Association of Surgeons at its regular meeting. The January meeting of the Philadelphia girls presented guest speaker Dr. Claude S. LaDow with his illuminating talk on "Oral Surgery." Marcia Hankin, 3rd District Reporter, is the author of this report.

Marilyn First reports on the January meeting of the Erie County Dental Assistants Society when Sally Cochran, Marian Israelson and Jean Freebourn reported on their trip to Miami Beach for the National Meeting. This meeting also took the form of a "new membership meeting" when all dental assistants in the area were invited to attend.

News from Maryland

An enthusiastic report from Helen K. Auer,

Secretary of the Baltimore City Dental Assistants Society, tells of the interesting meeting on "Helpful Hints" and the informative lecture on "Procedures in a Dental Office" given by Dr. Elmer Hoffman at the last meeting. The Study Course in this society has 20 hard working girls enrolled. Keep up the good work, girls! Helen also tells of plans under way for the organization of a Maryland State Dental Assistants Association since Maryland now has two component societies.

FOURTH DISTRICT

News from Florida

The Broward County Dental Assistants Society is very proud of its members Barbara Rude, Bonita Jindracek, Libby Mack, Gloria Wills and Ann Linsteadt who succesfully passed the Certification Examination. The new officers were installed at a lovely ceremony held after dinner in Pal's Restaurant, Fort Lauderdale. At this meeting the Cooperation Trophy was presented to Gloria Wills and the Achievement Trophy to Loretta Bailey. Congratulations to all these girls! Barbara Ruse, Secretary for this group, sent in this fine report.

The January meeting of the Miami District Dental Assistants Society was held at the Robert Clay Hotel, Miami, when the doctors were honored guests at dinner. Following dinner, the ever-beautiful installation service for new officers was presented by Installing Officer Alma Smith and Conducting Officer Nell Prothero who charged the officers and directors with their duties for the coming year. The Reverend W. F. Koppelke and Nell Prothero followed this service with an impressive presentation of awards as follows: Achievement Trophy to Ginny Lockwood, Achievement Cup to Esther Ramsey, Cooperation Trophy to Eddie Joyce Lee, Cooperation Cup to Alma Smith, Friendship Trophy to Bobbie Oxar and Enthusiasm Trophy to Betty Macy. And hearty congratulations were extended to 7 newly certified dental assistants, namely, Bobbie Oxar, Eddie Joyce Lee, Renee Wexler, Ruth McDonald, Paulette Weiss, Virginia Lee Watts and Virginia Gooch. The February meeting was held at the Robert Clayton Hotel. Following dinner and the regular business meeting, an "Open Forum" with Maria Bothen and Nell Prothero as the panel and Betty Macy as the moderator was conducted in the interest of answering all questions on the local, state and national levels. Many interesting and provocative questions were proposed and answered. This group is looking forward to April when the State Meeting will be held in the Seminole Hotel, Jacksonville, Fla., and all members are urged to submit a paper, clinic or poster at this meeting. This detailed and splendid report was gleaned from the writings of Virginia Gooch, new Publicity Chairman, and "The Explorer".

FIFTH DISTRICT

News from North Carolina

Bobbie Killinger, State Reporter, proudly reports on the progress of three Extension Study Courses in North Carolina, Charlotte with its second and Durham-Orange County and Greensboro with their first. The girls expect to complete their courses this spring. The Durham-Orange County Dental Assistants Society recently entertained the dental assistants from Raleigh and presented a program designed to help the Raleigh girls organize their own society.

SIXTH DISTRICT News from Illinois

The Fox River Valley Dental Assistants

Society had an extremely interesting meeting in February when its members heard Dr. Walter Sperry tell of his experiences in the dental corps of the Armed Forces and watched his movies of Japan. He paid special tribute to his brilliant and capable Japanese girl dental assistant.

The Peoria Dental Assistants Society members are justifiably proud of the contribution made by Janet Lindenberg in January to the stature and prestige of dental assisting when she was guest speaker to the Wisconsin Dental Study Club, Madison, Wisc. Janet spoke on "Good Human Relations" at the morning session and chose "Little Efforts That Pay Big Dividends" for the afternoon session. Both talks were enthusiastically received by the attending doctors, dental assistants and hygienists. The March meeting of the Peoria group

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presented Dr. Clarke Chamberlain of Peoria with his morale-building talk on "Let's Talk About Ourselves." Believing every profession needs self-evaluation and recognition as well as self-criticism, Dr. Chamberlain paid tribute m the Peoria society for its years of service to the community, its organizational work, its programming, and paid special tribute to State President Marjorie Fowler for her outstanding work in the state and to Janet Lindenberg for her special contributions to dentistry. Dr. Chamberlain is a past president of Peoria Dental Society, a past officer of Illinois State Dental Society and is a member of the Board of Examiners for the state.

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As reported before, The Rockford Dental Assistants Society is carrying on its splendid program of dental education in the public schools of Rockford again this year and now we hear from Publicity Chairman Marie Johnson that two members, Kathy Mueller, Hy-gienist, and Shirley See, Dental Assistant, were guest speakers for the Home Economics classes of the Junior High School. The subject of their talks was "Diet, Nutrition and Dental Health" and the speakers were received enthusiastically. The February meeting of this group presented guest speaker Mrs. Charles F. Nichols, Instructor of nurses at Rockford Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Nichols is the wife of a dentist, daughter of a dentist and sister of a dentist, therefore, her topic of "Ethics in the Dental Office" carried more than the usual insight and understanding of the subject.

Juanita Little sends news of the February meeting of the Western Illinois Dental Assistants Society held at the American Legion Club, Monmouth, Ill., and which presented Mr. M. N. Jacobs, owner of the Jacobs Dental Supply Co., speaking on the "Atomic Age." While his subject did not relate to dentistry, Mr. Jacobs, a scientist who worked on the first atom bomb developed at Oak Ridge, Tenn., feels dental assistants should be well

informed on all vital subjects.

The Springfield Dental Assistants Society heard Dr. Gersler speak on "Better Dental Assisting" in February, reports Helen Kno-

Nancy Burchette reports that publicity in Views" and in local newspapers concerning the Certification Course being conducted in the Quincey Dental Assistants Society has resulted in an appreciable increase in the ap-

plications for membership.

The Eastern Illinois Dental Assistants Society held its February meeting at Matoon, Ill., with Dr. Thomas J. Suerdieck, Chiropodist, as guest speaker. This society has started its Extension Study Course and the first lecturer was Dr. Walter J. Gonwa of Chrisman, Ill. Dr. Gonwa is a past president of the Illinois State Dental Association.

Beverly Gregory reports that efforts of the members of the Rock Island Dental Assistants Society have brought gratifying results in the intensive membership drive they are conduct-

The members of the McClean County Dental Assistants Society were the grateful guests of the doctors when they attended the Telephone Extension Program entitled "Emergency Problems in the Dental Office," reports Joanne Martensen.

Chicago has been a busy place so far this year for it was the scene of the Illinois State Dental Assistants Association annual meeting in February. This meeting was held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel and was attended by members of the largest membership in the history of the state association, 12 component societies. Helen Skiller of Rockford, Chairman of Clinics, presented 18 dental assistants with outstanding table clinics on Sunday morning. Jeanne Ostermeier, Program Chairman, had charge of the Sunday luncheon honoring State President Marjorie Fowler and the afternoon session when Dr. R. A. Atterbury of Oak Park, Oral Surgeon, presented his hobby "Prestidi-gitation" in a delightful manner. Lorraine Scapillato, President of the Chicago Dental Assistants Society, brought the address of welcome and Helen Skiller, President of the Rockford Dental Assistants Society, gave the response. The officers of the American Dental Assistants Association were then introduced and conducted the beautiful installation ceremonies for the new officers elected at this meeting.

The Chicago Dental Assistants Society celebrated its 32nd birthday in January with a panel discussion program entitled "Local, State and National Organizations' presided over by Jeanne Ostermeier, Gladys Triphahn and Har-riet Turner. The February meeting of this group was the occasion when it was hostess to the Mid-winter Meeting in conjunction with the Illinois State Dental Assistants Association Annual Meeting at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. In March, these girls heard guest speaker Dr. Charles J. Maurice speak on "Sterilization in the Dental Practice." In April, they are looking forward to the lecture "The Dental Assistant and the Child Patient" which will be presented by Dr. Thomas K. Barber.

The members of the North-Northwest-North Suburban Branch of the Chicago Dental Assistants Society heard Dr. A. C. Macaluso present his timely subject "Hypnotism and Its Part in Modern Dentistry" at the Fabruary meeting. The March meeting presented speaker Dr. Clarence Peeble speaking on "Psychology," re-

ports Anne Circone.

The West Suburban Dental Assistants Society held a dinner meeting at the Carlton Hotel in March and heard an interesting lecture on "Implant Dentures" by Dr. Fred

Helen Vollmer, Publicity Chairman for the South Side Dental Assistants Society, reports on the informative program entitled "Proper Make-up and Dress for the Dental Assistant" presented before this group at the regular March meeting. Thanks for these fine reports on Illinois societies go to Janet Lindenberg, State Publicity Chairman, along with appreciation to those already mentioned and all others who have assisted in this publicity work.

News from Michigan

The Detroit Dental Assistants Society presented a "Variety Revue" as a social program for its February meeting and a "Clinics Night" conducted by dental assistants and dental hygienists at the March meeting. It will present guest speaker Dr. William Via with his lecture on "The Role of the Dental Assistant in Handling the Child Patient" at the April

The Southwestern Dental Assistants Society of Dearborn, Mich., spent its February meeting night on a regular business meeting and the preparation of plans for the state meeting. The March meeting of this group brought the annual "Bosses Night" when the doctors were the honored guests. And April will bring the annual state meeting to be held at the Tuller

Hotel in Detroit, Mich.
The Genesee County Dental Assistants Society presented guest speaker Cornelia Mul-der with her talk on "School Health Program" at its February meeting. The March meeting brought the nomination and election of officers and the lecture on "Foot Care" by Dr. W. W. DeHart. This group also has reserved its April meeting for the attendance at and participation in the annual state meeting in Detroit.

News from Indiana

The Western Indiana Dental Assistants Society is well under way with a large enrollment in its Extension Study Course and is looking forward to the April meeting when the annual "Bosses Night" will honor the doctors. Jackie Hughes is in charge of this affair. Mary Carney and Ruth Hinzy attended the Mid-winter Meeting held in Chicago in February, reports Mary Carney, Publicity Chairman.

The South Bend Dental Assistants Society held the traditional candlelight installation service for new officers in the Merry Widow Room of the Mayfair Restaurant, Mishawaka, Ind., with Ann Mummy serving as Installing Officer and Ardys Rogers as Conducting Officer. Honored guests at the meeting were Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Davis. Dr. Davis is the newly elected member of the Advisory Council for this society.

The Indiana State Dental Assistants Associa-

tion held its annual Mid-winter Meeting the Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis, in January. The members of the Fort Wayne Dental As sistants Society served capably and gracious as hostesses for this meeting and Vera Hewin of Indianapolis, Chairman of Local Arrange ments, had charge of the beautiful capping ceremony when 12 newly certified dental as sistants from all over the state received their caps and certificates. Dr. Maynard K. Hine Dean of the Indiana University School of Dentistry, was the guest speaker at this meeing. Dr. Roy Ewing Vale of the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church brought the invocation and then paid tribute to his dentist, Dr. Gerald Hiatt, his dentist's assistant, Alberta Coverdale and to all men and women engaged in the profession of dentistry. Virginia Bates, State Publicity Chairman and author of this report declares it was the most beautiful tribute paid to those engaged in a humanitarian profession she ever heard.

SEVENTH DISTRICT News from North Dakota

Ellen Welsh, the capable Publicity Chairman for the Grand Forks Dental Assistants Society, reports the beginning of the Extension Study Course in January with Marlene Kreji, Marjorie Pape and Gloria Brunsvold enrolled at the University of Minnesota. The regular meeting of this group in January was held at the office of Dr. Hewitt and Dr. Ramberg when plans and committees were prepared for the state meeting to be held in May. Chairman Gloria and Marlene Krecji, Hilda Johnson, Marjorie Pape and Ellen Welsh will be in charge of the state meeting. Following the business meeting, the girls adjourned to the Ryan Hotel where they viewed a film on "Fluoridation of Water" presented by the Grand Forks Dental Society.

News from South Dakota

At a recent meeting of the Huron Dental Assistants Study Club, Harriett Darling ADAA Treasurer, presented a comprehensive report on the National Meeting held in Miami Beach, Fla., which was followed by a demonstration and movie on "Hydrocolloid Technique" presented by the General Refineries and M. F. Patterson Supply Co.

The Sioux Falls-Vermillion-Brookings Study Club held an "Employer-Employee" dinner at the Cottage in Sioux Falls at which time plans for the progress and growth of this group was discussed. These girls express their deep appreciation to their doctors for their encouraging words and financial assistance.

The Board of Directors for the South Da kota State Dental Assistants Association was held at the Cataract Hotel, Sioux Falls, in January with President Vyonne Mortenson presiding over the plans and arrangements for

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Pat Fitzgerald, 7th District Reporter, reports glowingly on the successful annual meeting of the Minnesota Dental Hygienists and Assistants Association held in March at the Minneapolis Auditorium, Minneapolis. On Sunday, newly certified dental assistants from all over the state were capped and presented their certificates at a lovely ceremony held in the Medical Arts Building. This was followed by a social hour with the members of the Minneapolis District Society serving as hostesses. Monday began with registration, followed by the Clinicians' Luncheon at the Curtis Hotel, and the business meeting held in the Medical Arts Library when reports of officers and all committees were heard, election and installation of officers took place. Tuesday opened with the invocation, brought a lecture entitled "High Speed" by Dr. Ross Huntley of Holly-wood, Calif., "Personal Hygiene" by Dr. Jane Hodgson of St. Paul and greetings from La-Veta Lehn, ADAA 7th District Trustee, Bessie Peterson, ADAA President-elect, and Hariett Darling, ADAA Treasurer. Following the District Presidents' Luncheon at the Curtis Hotel, the ever-popular clinic program was presented in Clinic Hall at the Minneapolis Auditorium. Participating in this fine program were Marfore Clark, Minneapolis, with "Stone Dies for Bridge Abutments," Luella Mathiason of St. Cloud with "Team Work," Marian Kersting and Marie Holmgren of St. Cloud with Telephone Usage," Renate Fuchs of St. Cloud "Those Precious Minutes-Time Saving Office Management" and Maureen Kaufmann of St. Paul with "Polishing Gold Crowns and Inlays." This meeting closed with the beautifully appointed annual banquet and dance held in the Terrace Room of the Nicollet Hotel.

The Minneapolis District and St. Paul District members held a special educational program in January when they viewed slides and heard a lecture supplied by the Eastman Kodak Co. covering the subject of "Pitfalls of Radiodontics." At the February meeting, the clinics scheduled for the State Meeting were previewed by the district members.

News from Iowa

Dorothy V. Cummer, the conscientious Publicity Chairman for Iowa State Dental Assistants Association, sends advance news of the annual state meeting to be held in May at the Kirkwood Hotel, Des Moines, Ia. Examinations for Certification will be held Sunday morning, May 1, at the hotel and Oriett Clark, Chairman of Certification, 509 Grand Ave., Ames, Ia., urges all qualified dental assistants to make application for examination to her by

March 1. The state meeting will present an outstanding educational program under the supervision of Marcella Passow of Fort Dodge as Chairman and Anzanetta Lindsay State President. For the first time, Iowa dentists and dental assistants will present their clinics and exhibits together in the new Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Des Moines.

News from Nebraska

Pat Fitzgerald, 7th District Reporter, with the assistance of Irene Mills, Corresponding Secretary for the Nebraska State Dental Assistants Association, reports on the Board Meeting of the Nebraska State Association held at North Platte in the Hotel Pawnee when important matters were discussed and planned for including organization of more component societies and districts, endorsing 9 new members by the Membership Committee to the State Association, and the report of the Education Committee on establishing Extension Study Courses in areas needing this program.

The Omaha Dental Assistants Society started its Certification classes in January and they are held in the Medical Arts Auditorium. This society presented Dr. Frederick Breeze of Omaha lecturing on "Ethics for the Dental Assistant" in January and Dr. Richard Weaver on "Business Management" in February. There will be an Examination for Certification on May 9 at the University of Nebraska College

of Dentistry.

Joyce Blythe, Secretary of the fast-growing West Nebraska Dental Assistants Society, Gering, Nebr., reports on the January meeting of this society held in Torrington, Wyo. An interesting and informative lecture on "Public Relations" was presented by Dr. O. C. Kildabeck followed by a comprehensive report of the Mid-winter Dental Meeting held in Denver, Colo., by President Wanda Conger. At this meeting, these girls proudly welcomed 3 new members from Torrington, namely, Lynne Gillaspie, Jevenne Keller and Dorothy Bolton. We send our heartiest congratulations and warmest words of encouragement to these girls establishing working societies in new and fat-apart districts.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

News from Kansas

Opal Ioerger of Wichita, Kan., is the everfaithful source of news from the Kansas State Dental Assistants Association and its component societies. The big news in this area is the Bi-State Meeting taking place in May in Kansas City, Mo., and embracing both Kansas and Missouri. Opal issues the clarion call to all Kansas girls to plan to both attend and participate in this important meeting. News from Missouri

Roena Bellmard, the State Editor and Editor of the "Mouth Mirror," writes of the

January meeting of the Kansas City Dental Assistants Society held at Twin Oaks. This meeting was the occasion of the installation of new officers with a lovely candlelight service conducted by Jean Grant, Missouri State President, and Mae Collins, 8th District Trustee. Two new members were welcomed at this meeting. Gretchen Churchman of Kansas City and Patsy Beasley of Butler. End-ofthe-year reports of all committees were read and retiring President Mildred Holder brought her message. Members were urged to keep in mind the Bi-State Meeting scheduled for May in Kansas City, Mo., and Wanda Rapier. Clinic and Poster Chairman, asked for members to actively participate in this meeting. Announcement was made of the Examination for Certification to be held at the Bi-State Meeting, an important announcement since Missouri is permitted only two examinations per fiscal year. Thank you, Roena, for your report.

NINTH DISTRICT

News from Washington

Apologies are in order to the Olympic Peninsula Dental Assistants Society because your Editor not only changed your name to Olympia but moved you geographically from Washington to Oregon! Oops, sorry! Thanks go to Bettijane Whidden, Publicity Chairman, for setting us straight and for reporting on the January meeting of this group. After the regular business meeting, the election of officers was held, announcement was made of the Annual Meeting of the Washington State Dental Assistants Association to be held in Seattle in March, and announcement of the Examinations for Certification to be held at that meeting. These girls express their sincere appreciation of the untiring efforts of the doctors of Port Angeles and Sequim, Wash., to make the study course possible.

The Seattle District Dental Assistants Society presented guest speaker Dr. Gerald Stibbs, member of the staff of the University of Washington School of Dentistry, lecturing on "Assisting." The February meeting of this group was highlighted by the beautiful capping ceremony when newly certified dental assistants received their caps and certificates. Janet Keenan, member of this society, presented a clinic on "X-rays" at the February meeting of the Seattle District Dental Society and will present this clinic at the state meeting. The Seattle District Dental Society invited a dental assistant to speak at its January meeting and Leona Huntley was selected and did a splendid job. The Examination for Certification for this group will take place on March 23, just before the state meeting, and announcement was made that this year's study course is well under way with more than 30 girls enrolled. Thank you, Doris Murphy, Publicity Chairman, for this interesting report.

Helen D. Schwartz, Publicity Chairman, sends news of the activities of the Tacoma Dental Assistants Society. In January, this society put on a successful White Elephan Sale for the benefit of its treasury and in benefit projects with Scribe Helen Schwartz as the breezy auctioneer. The February meeting was the annual "Doctors' Night" when the doctors were the honored guests. And March will bring the state meeting of the Washington State Dental Assistants Association in Seattle. Thank you, Helen, for your report.

TENTH DISTRICT

News from Texas

Louise Culp, new Reporter for the Wichita Falls District Dental Assistants Society, writes that Dolly Hill, Education Chairman, announces the Extension Study Course is well under way with 11 girls enrolled. January brought classes on "Anatomy" with Dr. E. H. Buell and Dr. E. E. Stewart conducting the lectures. The regular January meeting of this society was held at the office of Dr. Roger Manar, M.D., when the impressive installation ceremony was held with Dolly Hill as Installing Officer and Dudley Arrington as Conducting Officer. President Francine McCorkle called for reports from members who attended the Wichita District Dental Fall Clinic at the Kemp Hotel in December. The members were entertained at luncheon at the Marchman Hotel and attended the "Clinic on Dental Office Administration" and the "Clinic on Dental Aspects of Human Relations" conducted by G. Archanna Morrison of West Roxbury. Mass. Good luck in your reporting, Louise!

Virginia Harpstrite, State Reporter (and now President of the Fort Worth society,) sends in her beautifully prepared report on the activities of Texas societies. The Austin Dental Assistants Society held an installation service with Sibyl Johnson conducting the ceremony.

The South Plains Dental Assistants Society held its meeting in the office of Dr. James Reynolds, Lubbock, and elected new officers. Honored guest at this meeting was Virginia Manilla, Hygienist from Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Fort Worth Dental Assistants Society had a busy evening when its members head annual reports of officers and committee chairmen, viewed clinics presented by Corine Hammond with a "Mobile—Education, Efficiency, Loyalty and Service," Clara Jones with "How to Sharpen Instruments" and Dorothy Williams and Corinne Hammond with a little wagon depicting all officers and members of

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the ADAA entitled "Success Working Together," heard the splendid report of National Delegate Mary Miellmier on the National Meeting in Miami Beach, and then witnessed the installation ceremony for the new officers with Jewel Casburn serving as Installing Officer and Mae Scroggins as Conducting Officer.

The Nueces Valley Dental Assistants Society held its election and installation of new officers and heard the announcement that the Extension Study Course is now under way and is being given at Del Nar College. This is the 5th course given in this group in 7 years.

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The Dallas County Dental Society held an impressive rainbow installation service with Steve Ann Montgomery as Installing Officer and Leta Featherstone as Conducting Officer. National Delegate Elizabeth Yates gave a complete report on the National Meeting at

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The Smith County Dental Assistants Society held a short business meeting at the home of Wilma Duke Tadlock, approved the increase in dues and heard the report of the National Meeting from Jippie Tolbert, then joined the members of the Dentists Telephone Study Course as invited guests. The subject of the course was "Problems in the Control of Pain' which was followed by the projecting of film uken of the American Dental Assistants Association in Miami. Dr. Eugene Allen projected and narrated this film. Thanks, ginia, and congratulations and success in your new office!

News from Arizona

The January meeting of the Phoenix District Dental Assistants Society heard guest speaker Dr. Charles Borah lecture on "Emergency Care in Oral Surgery." This was followed by a fine clinic on "Types of Sterilization" by Helen Gipson and the welcoming ceremony for new members Ann Badolato, Pokie Clark, Sybil Baker, Lorraine Crump and Lillie Burnett. The February meeting brought a talk on "The Proper Way to File Income Tax Return" by Mr. Dwight Phillips of the U. S. Internal Revenue Department and a paper on "Nutrition" by Viola Bowling. This meeting was a celebration of the 7th Anniversary of this society and its past presidents were honored guests. The March meeting presented a film on "Telephone Courtesy" by the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Louise McClure read her paper on "The Telehone and You." Thank you, Helen Hutton, Phoenix Reporter, for your fine report.

News from Colorado

The Colorado State Dental Assistants Association held its 4th annual Mid-winter Convention at the Shirley Savoy Hotel in Denver. Table clinics were presented by girls from Denver and Colorado Springs; "Certification

and Pins are for You" by Marcia Ericson, "Helpful Hints" by Marlene Fortik, "Steriliza-tion" by Barbara Hokanson, "The Dental Assistant's Role in the Prevention of Malocclusion" by Gretchen Kitzler, "Space Maintainors" by Carole Larson, "Juvenile Awards" by Sally Martin, "Investing Crowns and Inlays" by Virginia Norton and "Carving Wax Patterns" by Eloise Wynne. Marlene Fortik was awarded first place and Virginia Norton won second place. Marion Small, 10th District Trustee, of Tucson, Ariz., was an honored guest speaker and congratulations and encouragement were extended to the dental assistants attending from Boulder, Colo., where their new society is making fine progress. After luncheon at the Navarre, guest speaker Dr. Sprigg of Denver gave an interesting and informative talk on "Certification." This splendid report was submitted by Loma Meeds, Secretary-Treasurer of the State Association.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

News from California

The Marin County Dental Assistants Society held its installation service for new officers in San Anselmo with Dr. Floyd Clinite serving as Installing Officer and Genevieve Mitchell as Conducting Officer assisted by Irene Kane Wise Friend. An anonymous Wisher" in this society has a novel idea on how to increase regular attendance at meetings for she (or he) presents the Treasurer with \$2.00 each month. The members names are placed in a box, a name is drawn at the close of the meeting BUT the member must be present to collect the prize. Congratulations, girls, it sounds like a good idea! Thank Mavis Bailey, Reporter, for this interesting report.

Genada Lynn is the Reporter for the Fresno District Dental Assistants Society which held its January meeting in the form of a dinner meeting at the Sheik of Bagdad. Following dinner, President Eleanor Kilgore introduced guest speaker Mr. Frank Ferpo of the East Tulare Branch of the Bank of America who spoke interestingly on "General Banking." Sue Garabedian was appointed Membership Chairman and Marilyn Darby as Pin and Cap Chairman.

A recent meeting of the Metropolitan-Oakland Dental Assistants Society presented a timely and intriguing guest speaker in the person of Sgt. Keith Brown of the Oakland Police Department with his lecture on "Narcotics." Sgt. Brown has been in the narcotic division 7 years and explained the use and effect of narcotics and illustrated his splendid talk with many case histories. This was followed by a presentation in a little lighter vein, "Magic Tricks" by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hunter of the Hunter Dental Supply Co. The last meeting of this society was the scene of a beautiful candlelight capping ceremony for 21 girls from the Laney Trade School. Membership Chairman Mary Ann Estudillo served as Installing Officer and Class Instructor Cleo Whetmore served as Conducting Officer. This ceremony concluded with the reading of the Dental Assistants Creed by Emily Porter and the welcome address of President Helene Christensen. Vice President Alice Morotte introduced guest speaker Dr. Herbert R. Foster of Oakland who presented an informative lecture on "Thumb Sucking." Dr. Foster illustrated his talk with slides and case histories. This fine meeting concluded with a report of the National Meeting by Dorothy Hodel. Jean Parker is the able Reporter for this society.

With regret we say "Goodbye" to Mildred Ann Hollis as Reporter for the Los Angeles Dental Assistants Society. Good luck, Mildred Ann! But it will be a pleasure to welcome the new Reporter, Hazel Torres, when she takes over her new duties. The January meeting of this group was the ever-lovely installation service for new officers. Dr. Douglas Strang served as Installing Officer and Mabel Lyon as Conducting Officer. Retiring President Ruth Collins presented her society with a Standard and Flag of the United States. Announcement was made of the next Certification Examination to be held April 9, of the Southern California State Convention to be held May 9-11, and of the work of the Liaison Committee with the Dental Society on a program of insurance for dental assistants.

The 4th Annual Mid-winter Conference of the Southern California State Dental Assistants Association was held at the Lafayette Hotel, Long Beach, in January. The Educational Committee proudly presented 3 speakers, each of whom is a leader in his field. Dr. Garwin Harris of Santa Monica spoke on "Some Observations on X-ray," Dr. Donald B. Chatterton of San Diego spoke on "Patient Preparation and Prosthetic Dentistry for Children" and Dr. Paul S. Pickering of San Diego spoke on "Facts About Plastic Surgery." Following the educational forum, the Friendship Luncheon featured a fashion show by Toni's of Long Beach.

News from Hawaii

"Aloha" from Annie Kerr in Hawaii brings news of the beautiful candlelight ceremony with which the Honolulu County Dental Assistants Association installed its new officers. Christine Hulihee served as Installing Officer and Edna Matsushita served as Conducting Officer. Gifts, hulas, music and leis made this a festive occasion. Two guests from the mainland were former Dental Assistant Lillian Moore of San Diego, Calif., and former Dental Assistant Donna Egland of Tacoma, Wash. The January meeting of this group was the 6th annual banquet honoring retiring Presi-

dent Hilda Nakashima held at the Kewali Inn. This was a lovely affair with flowers and music and trophy awards and honored guest The Loyalty Trophy was presented to Mis-Yen Kew Lum for her 22 years of service to Dr. William K. Holt and the Achievement Trophy was presented to Miss Edna Matsushita for her untiring efforts as Program Chairman. Honored guests included Dr. and Mrs. Mervyn I. Conner, President of Hawaii Territorial Dental Society, Dr. and Mn. Francis Fun Luke, President of Honolulu County Dental Society, Miss Leila Silva, Direc tor of Dental Health Division, Department of Public Instruction, Mrs. Hazel Y. Koga, Sp. pervisor of Dental Hygiene School, University of Hawaii and also President of Hawaii Ter ritorial Dental Hygienists Association, and Dr Stanley Beardmore, Advisor to the Honol County Dental Assistants. The absence of De John H. Dawe was felt by all since Dr. Daw was in San Francisco, Calif., completing find arrangements for the Hawaii-California meet ing to be held in Honolulu in June.

Your Editor takes this small space to express appreciation for the lovely notes and cards received from so many of you during the holiday season. Illness has prevented he from thanking each of you personally but the warmth you created remains in her memory.

S'CUSE, PLEASE

Our faces are red, and apologies are due General Secretary Elma Troutman and Dayton, Ohio, members for our error in moving Elma from Dayton to Akron in our presentation of the ADAA Officers in the last issue. Fortunately, we did not get her out of the state of Ohio. The Editor takes the entire blame—she "goofed". . . . Elma hasn't moved to Akron — she still belongs to Dayton.

Also to Dr. Polly Ayres and Grace Browning of Birmingham, Alabama, our apologies. While Dr. Ayres did submit "Nine Assistants and Dental Health" which appeared in the last issue also, we neglected to include the information that she did so at the request of Contributing Editor, Grace Browning who was out of the city on short vacation.

While it has been said, "Tis Human to Err"—it appears we used a year's allowance of errors in one issue.



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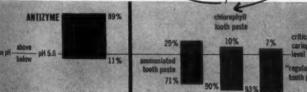
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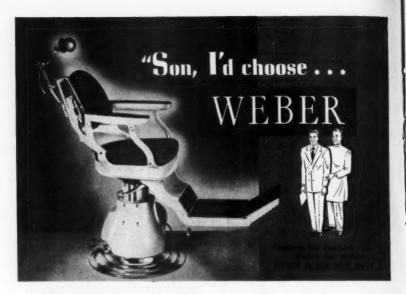
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